



***NH State Coordinating Council
Meeting Minutes***

Thursday, August 6, 2020 ~ Zoom Meeting

Virtual meeting requirements reviewed:

The Chair of the NH State Coordinating Council for Community Transportation (SCC) has found that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID – 19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor’s Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020–04, the SCC and its Committees are authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting which was authorized pursuant to the Governor’s Emergency Order.

The SCC is utilizing Zoom for this electronic meeting. All members of the Council have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting as follows:

Online Access: – Upper Valley Lake Sunapee RPC is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: State Coordinating Council for Community Transportation

Time: Aug 6, 2020 01:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Members Present:

Ellen Avery, Fred Butler, Fred Roberge, Mike Tardiff, Deborah Ritcey, Steve Workman, Cindy Yanski, Mike Acerno, Mike Whitten, Jesse Lore, Gene Patnode, Steve Workman

Others Present: Patrick Herlihy, Scott Bogle, Pat Crocker, Jeff Donald, Sara Johnson, Nate Miller, Sara O'Dougherty, Teri Palmer, Rebecca Sky, Sylvia Von Aulock, Alisa Druzba, Matt Waitkins, Carole Zangla.

1:30 Welcome and Introductions – Chairman Roberge reviewed the virtual meeting instructions and introductions followed.

Minutes Adoption: June Meeting–Notes July

The June meeting minutes and July meeting notes were reviewed. Deb Ritcey seconded by Cindy Yanski, moved to adopt the meeting minutes with one correction to attendees. Roll call vote: Unanimous.

Officer Elections/ Nomination Committee Report–Treasurer

Jesse Lore seconded by Mike Whitten moved to elect Fred Roberge, Chair; Mike Tardiff, Vice Chair; and Pat Crocker as Secretary.

Nomination Committee Report – Jesse Lore and Ellen Avery proposed Steve Workman from Transport NH as the best candidate for Treasurer for the coming year. Workman accepted the nomination. Motion to nominate Steve Workman.

Ellen Avery moved and Deborah Ritcey seconded the motion. Election to office will take place at the September meeting. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous.

Council Membership, Introduction DHHS Representative and other HHS Departmental transportation advocates.

Chair Roberge reported on the meetings and discussions with DHHS representatives and announced that DHHS will be formally participating in the SCC to help to improve access to people. He welcomed Gene Patnode as the new DHHS Council member. Patnode explained his role in work in a whole family approach to self-sufficiency and full employment. Administration for Children and Families Region 1 – 6 northeast states are participating in the initiatives. Housing – Transportation – Childcare – Workforce are the focal group of the whole family approach in NH. Transportation and Childcare of the main obstacles to getting people into the labor market.

Chair Roberge discussed the new access to resources through DHHS and the Alliance for Healthy Aging to work across disciplines to work together to what resources could be developed. Discussion followed.

Steve Workman discussed the division whitepaper and the excellent way that the topic was framed in conjunction with workforce development. Creating opportunities for families and businesses to thrive. Both side of the equation are addressed in this white paper. NCSL has been offered a platform to put families at the center of the work that they are doing. He hopes he can bring feedback to the SCC from families about the needs of underserved populations.

One of the projects moving forward involved in Mobility Management to work with Maine COG to make a presentation.

Alisa Druzba briefly explained the interest in transportation for the Division of Public Health – Primary Care and Rural Health Systems. She explained the work she does along those lines. It was not that transportation has not been an issue but the focus has recently begun to seek connections with others working on transportation. Looking to work in partnerships with others to help move transportation initiatives along and may have access to specialized grant resources.

Ellen Avery welcomed the Alisa Druzba and discussed the involvement of public health networks and invited her to the Leadership Council for Healthy Monadnock. She outlined her various involvement and partners with regional health networks.

Jesse Lore, the business representative to the SCC and explained the business community involvement. He said there are many ways to leverage the resources.

The managed care model for Medicaid transportation and its multi-provider system has presented administrative challenges for transportation providers and consistent requirements and protocols are needed to decrease these burdens.

Sylvia Von Aulock welcomed the DHHS staff and explained her region's work and noted there were 9 Regional Planning Commissions. Noted that Plan NH will host a webinar on what the pandemic has revealed about housing and transportation.

Rebecca Sky, Executive Director of the NH State Commission Aging. Sky explained her work at the newly established Commission.

Update on Annual Report for 19/20 Pat Crocker noted the work was in process and that reminders would be sent to regions and others. She asked that the information be sent in word files with photos separate which was easiest to format into the PowerPoint template.

SCC technical assistance efforts during pandemic – Best Practices– Volunteer Driver organization meeting (Jeff Donald), Covid-19 lessons learned (Steve Workman) – Other– State Interdepartmental coordination meeting that is done with the Alliance for Healthy aging webinar scheduled for August 24. He outlined the agenda.

NHTA – SCC – AHA to pull together a study and workgroup around pandemic response by volunteer driver programs.

Sylvia von Aulock explained her organization's work on an interactive map of public volunteer driver programs and the survey of these organizations that has been conducted and that will be reported at the upcoming webinar.

Cindy Yanski and Scott Bogle explained most of the RCCs produce a directory of available services and how to distribute that information among service providers.

Steve Workman outlined the workplan that will direct the study of impacts of the pandemic on transportation organizations to help prepare for the next crisis down the road.

Chair Roberge spoke of Zoe Miller at Greater Portland MPO and the work that they are doing. She will be invited to the SCC at one of the upcoming meetings. They have done a great deal with Mobility Management Networks and one of the national transit research boards will be analyzing their data.

The Maine DHHS are working on looking at efficiency questions of all the transportation services they are providing.

COVID19 Updates – Jeff Donald reported that they were more or less operating normally. Ridership is down but slowly rising. They are encouraging passengers to wear masks but not requiring them or enforcing.

Sara Dougherty explained that they are operating but demand remains low but for Medicaid trips.

Jesse Lore spoke of the business impacts on the accessible vehicle sales and the higher scrutiny of lenders for purchases. Otherwise they are doing fine through this period. He also mentioned a non-profit he is working with to help assure access to the polls and his company is offering to participate in that effort as a public service. Roberge asked him to follow up on the plan with him later.

Public Transit Funding

The approval of the 10-year plan was approved by Governor and Council. The CMAQ conversion grant information will be coming out with recommendations and among those will be the 5310 programs will be a likely recipient of some portion of those funds.

Public announcements / September meeting

Agenda for Sept. – COVID 19 Updates, Maine Mobility Program, Briefing on AHA volunteer driver networks webinar, election of officers.

Steve Workman – WindowSwap.com website. You can look out someone else's' window around the world to change scenery during the pandemic.

3:40 **Adjourn** Steve Workman moved to adjourn, second Jesse Lore. Vote: Unanimous.